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In the Matter of

Administration of the
North American Numbering Plan

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) CC Docket No. 92-237
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**APPLICATION OF IT&E OVERSEAS, INC. FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE
NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL**

Pursuant to the FCC Public Notice, DA 95-1721, released on August 9, 1995, IT&E Overseas, Inc. ("IT&E"), by its attorneys, respectfully submits this application for membership on the North American Numbering Council (the "Council"). On July 13, 1995, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") announced the establishment of the NANC as part of its new model for the administration of the North American Numbering Plan (the "NANP"). See Report and Order, CC Docket No. 92-237 (released July 13, 1995). The NANC's duties will include advising the FCC on numbering issues, selecting and guiding a neutral NANP Administrator, applying FCC policy to resolve issues arising in the administration of the NANP, and conducting initial dispute resolution of all NANP issues. Because the initial Council meeting is scheduled to convene on October 1, 1996 (see FCC Public Notice, DA 96-1495, released Sept. 5, 1996), IT&E requests expedited consideration of this application for membership on the NANC.

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I. IT&E'S INTEREST IN NANP ISSUES

Since 1983, IT&E has been a major provider of facilities-based, international and domestic long distance telecommunications services to the Territory of Guam ("Guam") and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (the "CNMI"). Guam and the CNMI currently are in the process of being included in the area served by the NANP. The incorporation of Guam and the CNMI into the area served by the NANP is expected to occur at 14:01 hours, June 30, 1997 GMT. However, because Guam and the CNMI were not included in the area served by the NANP when the FCC, on August 9, 1995, initially solicited applications for membership on the NANC, IT&E did not submit an application for membership on the NANC within the filing period established for such submissions.¹ In light of the recent and ongoing process to include Guam and the CNMI within the area served by the NANP, IT&E believes that its participation on the NANC will provide the necessary expert representation of local telecommunications interests on Guam and the CNMI.

As the carrier responsible for introducing competition into Guam's and the CNMI's long distance telecommunications markets, IT&E has a substantial stake in ensuring that the rules and guidelines established by the NANC will be competitively neutral, will offer consumers easy access to the public switched telephone network, will address fairly and efficiently the interests of all NANP member countries, and will foster continued integration of the NANP across NANP member countries. In addition, as a telecommunications carrier

¹ It should be noted that the FCC recently added Mr. George Vinall of Cable & Wireless, Inc. as a voting member on the NANC, even though his application was submitted after the required filing period. See FCC Public Notice, DA 96-1516 (released Sept. 10, 1996).

confronting for the first time the challenges of adapting to the NANP framework, IT&E has an obvious interest in guaranteeing that all carriers serving Guam and the CNMI will be accorded fair and equal treatment in all numbering matters, including the assignment of carrier codes and traffic routing codes that are necessary to the provision of long distance telephone services.

Indeed, in the FCC's Public Notice, released on August 9, 1995, the FCC recognized that the basic numbering scheme of the NANP applies to telecommunications networks located in the United States, including the Western Pacific regions of Guam and the CNMI. See Public Notice, DA 95-1721, at 1. Currently, however, the NANC does not include any representative of these Western Pacific regions. Without IT&E's participation, there will be no representation of Western Pacific carriers on the NANC. This would be a serious omission in view of the impending inclusion of Guam and the CNMI in the NANP. Therefore, IT&E believes that its participation on the NANC is important to ensuring an impartial and well-balanced forum that can address effectively the concerns of all affected localities in the NANP.

II. IT&E'S NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

IT&E nominates John M. Borlas, P.E., for Council membership. Mr. Borlas has had a long and distinguished in the telecommunications field. He is one of three co-founders of IT&E and today serves as President of Guam's and the CNMI's only full-service long distance telephone service provider that is locally owned and operated. Mr. Borlas, a registered Professional Electronic Engineer, has over 24 years of experience in

telecommunications, 17 years of which were dedicated to managing and establishing IT&E as a telecommunications leader on Guam and the CNMI. Prior to his career with IT&E, Mr. Borlas served in the Telephone Division of the Public Utility Agency of Guam, as well as in the Engineering Division of the Guam Telephone Authority, the local exchange carrier serving Guam.

As the engineering mastermind of IT&E, Mr. Borlas is responsible for formulating innovative ideas, developing business plans, and facilitating and overseeing the introduction of telecommunications services to customers. In his role as President of IT&E, Mr. Borlas is intimately familiar with technical and traffic routing matters and is keenly aware of the importance of the availability and general administration of numbering resources to the essential operations of carriers such as IT&E. In particular, Mr. Borlas personally or through representatives of IT&E actively participated in the year-long Industry Numbering Committee meetings that initiated the process of including Guam and the CNMI in the area served by the NANP. Through his participation on the NANC, Mr. Borlas will endeavor to ensure that the promised benefits of the inclusion of Guam and the CNMI in the NANP will fully materialize.

With his extensive knowledge and practical experience in the technical, operational, and all other aspects of the telecommunications business, Mr. Borlas is amply qualified to represent the interests of telecommunications carriers serving Guam and the CNMI on NANP issues. Mr. Borlas can be contacted as follows:

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If selected for membership, Mr. Borlas will participate actively and in good faith to advance the objectives of the Council.

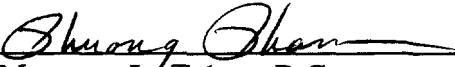
III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, IT&E respectfully nominates John M. Borlas, P.E. for membership on the NANC.

Respectfully submitted,

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